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George J. Brandt Jr.,
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Dear Sir,

British Patent Application No. 57666/67
corresponding to U.S. Serial No. 609,204
Case 582-454. Philip Morris Inc. Our
Folio A/11770:CJW.

We enclose a copy of an Official Letter which has been issued in connection with the above British Patent Application.

It would appear that the objections of paragraphs 1 to 9 of the Official Letter would be met if pages 11 and 26 of the Specification were cancelled, and replaced by new pages 11 and 26, two copies of each of which are enclosed, and if the following ink amendments were made to the Specification:

page 2, line 6	-	correct the spelling of "procedures"
line 22	-	amend "tobacco plant" to "tobacco-plant"
line 24	-	after "colour" insert a comma
page 4, line 23	-	amend "convention" to "conventional"
line 24	-	delete "type"
line 28	-	after "operation" insert a comma
page 5, line 1	-	delete "Thus," and amend "the process" to "The process"
line 5	-	replace "closed" with "circulation"
line 6	-	delete "maintained in the system and"
line 12	-	delete "merely"
page 6, line 1	-	delete "plant parts, i.e."
line 15	-	replace "33" with "22"
line 25	-	after "liquid" insert "used in showers described hereinafter"

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page 6, line 27	-	amend "present" to "presented"
page 10 line 4	-	replace "that the application of a" with "advantageous to apply a"
line 5	-	after "dryer" insert "a coating that will" and amend "facilitates" to "facilitate"
line 13	-	replace "of" with "for"
page 12 line 15	-	delete "water"
page 13 line 10	-	delete "also is a closed loop system and"
page 14 line 12	-	replace "maintained closed" with "operated"
page 16 line 1	-	delete "closed loop"
line 2	-	replace "to preclude loss of" with "having no loss of tobacco particles"
line 3	-	delete "tobacco"
page 17 line 19	-	after "from" insert "the headbox of"
page 18 line 23	-	after "Mullen" insert "burst"
page 23 line 21	-	replace "allowance" with "provision"
page 24 line 2	-	delete "closed"
line 3	-	delete "relatively"

As regards paragraph 7 of the Official Letter we do not believe that the Examiner is correct in suggesting that there is an error in Figure 1. He suggests that the valve for admitting ground scrap to the refined pulp should be at the juncture of its conduit from piping 103 with the conduit for refined pulp. We have, in our proposed amendment of page 11, added further description to clarify this point.

Concerning the tenth paragraph of the Official Letter, if you know of literature references which are likely to have been available in Great Britain prior to the British filing date of this Application and which include a statement of definition of the term "Filling Power Index" corresponding to that which we have now inserted into the Specification, please let us know. We believe that the Examiner's objection that the insertion of the definition of this term into the Specification is effectively introduction of new matter unless the definition was commonly known in the art prior to the Application date is justified. Accordingly, if no literature references are available, we would suggest that the references to the term should be deleted. It would appear that such deletion would not seriously affect the disclosure of the Specification. Alternatively we could attempt to define "Filling Power Index" as being a number proportional to the filling power of the tobacco although this expression could be objected to as being imprecise and obscure.

Although no term has been appointed for filing a response to the Official Letter, in order to allow sufficient time for dealing with any further objections which may arise in connection with this Application

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we would recommend that a response to the Official Letter should be filed by the 19th February 1970. Please therefore let us have your instructions in good time before that date.

Yours faithfully,

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